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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Gerald Lee Sidwell, 614 Broad Street, Beloit, Wisconsin, 2/7/55, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 37 months in prison followed by three years supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sidwell pleaded guilty to this charge on February 10, 2005.

Beloit police arrested Sidwell after executing a search warrant at his residence on July 2, 2004. During the course of the search, police recovered a Mossberg 20-gauge shotgun and shotgun shells. Sidwell admitted to police that he was aware that he should not have had the gun due to his prior felony conviction.

The charges against Sidwell were the result of an investigation conducted by the Beloit Police Department's Drug and Gang Task Force. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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